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PROGRAMS

January and February will feature APS slide presentations. 1/10: The Pan-American Exposition: Selections from Adolph Steeg Collection; 1/24: A Panorama of the Stamps and Postal History of Switzerland; 2/14: First Day Cover Collecting: A Primer; 2/28: Fascinating Highlights of First Day Cover Collecting.

ROPEX Chairperson Ray Stone will be updating new show info at the RPA Meetings. The membership is encouraged to volunteer services to ROPEX and/or even present an original evening program (SLIDE-TALK) of about 25 minutes.... Please help us out to present interesting programs.....

John Kellas III
RPA President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The New Year is here at last, 2002! And I wish everyone good luck and health during 2002... Two months until ROPEX, March 8, 9, & 10. Remember that March 7th is Setup Day for the Show and your help is needed. Contact Ray Stone, ROPEX Chairperson at any of the upcoming RPA meetings. The RPA Board will try for a Board Meeting sometime later this month (Jan. '02) and it is hoped that the RPA Library will be moving to the RMS shortly. We are always seeking club members to present a short program on a subject of their own choosing, the RPA will PAY for the shooting of slides and tape for voiceovers.

It's not hard to do and is fun... I would like members to volunteer (2) for the Nominating Committee, all offices and one board position are up for election in June...

Hurray for Ada Prill for receiving an award from the National Exhibiting Assn. and Nance Z. Clarke has announced that she plans to run for the APS Presidency in 2004....

Our Vice President, Mark Hull, has several new APS slide programs to present at future RPA meetings and a live person programs are also planned, see listing... Hope to see as many of you at the next RPA meeting January 10th at the RMS Eisenhower Auditorium Basement (use the Gannett School Entrance) bring a stamp friend with you.... John Kellas III, RPA President

We meet on the second Thursday and fourth Wednesday of most months between September and June. Our headquarters are in the Eisenhower Auditorium, behind the Main Museum building, on East Avenue. A buy/sell/trade session runs from 7:10-7:45 PM, followed by the formal meeting at 7:45 PM. A silent auction concludes most evening's program.

Current RPA Officers 2001-2002

President — John Kellas III
Vice President — Mark Hull
Treasurer — George Fekete
Corresponding Secretary — John Cali
Recording Secretary — Jim Piecuch
Immediate Past President — Ed Kawasaki

Board of Governors

Norm Wright (term expires June 30, 2002)
Chuck Shultz (term expires June 30, 2003)
Joe Doles (term expires June 30, 2004)

Membership Chair — Florence Wright
Librarian — Joe Doles

There are no Pictorial cancellations known for this January-February issue known as this went to print. However, the ROPEX cancels are depicted courtesy of Tom Fortunato.



Editor's Observations

They say perseverance pays. This is what it takes to produce an issue of H & T sometimes. I frequently am looking for articles to insert in the publication. It would also help if I didn't misplace material sent. I find myself carrying on an interesting conversation due to these circumstances.

Lisa Doiron has been kind enough to supply us with an article on the *Peanuts* issue. The interesting part of this is that I misplaced it even though it was sent to me twice. My sincere apologies to her and Chuck Schultz for their efforts. Persistence pays.

You should find somewhere in this publication further mention of ROPEX and its particulars. You should also note the March 1 cutoff for the banquet.

Please note that BUFPEX precedes out show this year — March 1-3. We are hopeful that our members will be supportive of their show.

Thanks to Tom, Lisa, Chuck, and the ROPEX committee for this issue's content.

The R. S. Stamp Company, also known as Bob and Elli Steeb, are having their show, Sunday, February 3. They also will be at BUFPEX and ROPEX.

They have indicated that ordered supplies are available. Do give them a call with your order so that you will not have to wait.

Deadline for the March-April issue of

***Hinges and Tongs* is February 15**

RPA ARCHIVES NOW ONLINE

Well over 100 articles, photos, and ephemera from RPA archives dating back to 1913 can now be seen on the club's web site. Tom Fortunato spent a few weeks compiling, organizing, and scanning the documents between Thanksgiving and New Year's. The results were integrated within the history of the club written a few years ago.

Take a look and reminisce by clicking the “History & Archives” link on the RPA home page at <http://now.at/rpa/>. Several people depicted in various photos remain unidentified. Your help is needed to preserve RPA’s past for future generations. Don’t have Internet access? Just go to your nearest public library and bring the RPA’s web address.

Do you have additional photos and articles we can add? If so, contact Tom at an RPA meeting, by phone at 716-621-1670, email at stampnmf@frontiernet.net, or writing him at 42 Maynard St., Rochester, NY 14614-2022. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope to return the items back to you. tmf

RPA members are encouraged to assist Florence in seeking out new members. Please see her for copies of H & T to show others just how educational our hobby can be. **Need a ride?** Contact a officer to inquire how best to attend a meeting and return home!!

RPA MEMBER ENTERS

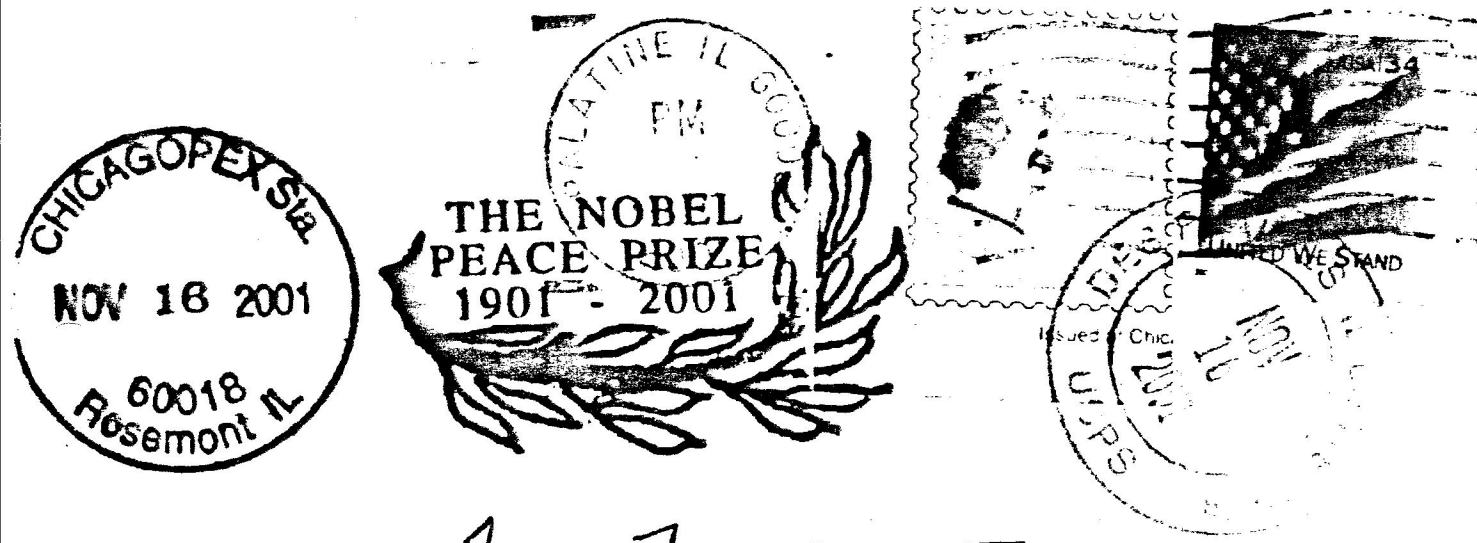
APS PRESIDENTIAL RACE

Long time RPA member Nancy B. Z. Clark has announced that she will be running for the presidency of the American Philatelic Society. The election takes place in early 2003 with a two year term beginning in August of that year.

As part of her candidacy kick-off announced during Chicagopex in November, she mailed souvenirs to many philatelic friends and acquaintances. Shown here is the “working end” of such a cover. Note the “Prexie”-like label depicting a silhouetted image of Nancy. The “34 cent” denominated light blue imperforate single was part of a souvenir sheetlet of 4 sent within the cover.

The eminently qualified Ms. Clark has held several positions with the APS, and most recently as treasurer. She was the driving force behind the formation and accreditation of the Peach State WSP stamp show, headed up Olymtphelex 1996 in Atlanta, and is an internationally renowned judge, especially noted for her work in youth philately.

In a note to the recipient of the cover, Nancy added, "Just can't fence those RPA gals in!" Feel free to send her your comments to nancy@stamps.org, or write to her at PO Box 427, Marstons Mills, MA 02648. Best wishes, Nancy! tmf



Martin Joins the Washington 2006 Team

Ken Martin, current APS Director of Shows and Exhibitions, has accepted the position of Bourse and Advertising Sales Committee Chair for Washington 2006, the next major U.S. International stamp exhibition. Washington 2006 President Michael Dixon and VP Operations Gordon Morison jointly made the announcement during the NAPEX Stamp Show on June 1.

Martin brings a wealth of talent to the post. He has held leadership roles in several philatelic organizations, most notably with the Junior Philatelists of America, as its past editor and President, and current Chairman of the Board.

Joining the APS staff in 1996, his responsibilities have included managing APS summer and winter stamp shows, supporting the various Postage Stamp Mega Events, staffing of APS booths at WSP shows around the country, and assisting with APS-FIP interaction. He will continue in that capacity during his Washington 2006 tenure.

Quoting Martin, "The bourse may be the single most important factor in achieving a financially sound and well-attended show. I look forward to using my experience from major shows such as Ameripex 86, Pacific 97, World Stamp Expo 2000, NORDIA 2001, and the annual APS STAMPSHOW, and working with the Washington 2006 management to help make the show a memorable experience for both attendees and dealers." He added he is looking for committee members to help him in his new position, especially volunteers with bourse experience. Interested dealers may register with him to receive updates when available by email at kpmartin@stamps.org.

Washington 2006 will be held May 27-June 3, 2006 at the Washington, DC Convention Center. Details can be found at the show's web site, <http://www.Washington-2006.org/>.

APS Chapters Update

A few points of interest for you and your club

I've just spent sometime with the January issue of "The American Philatelist" and have to say it was one of the best reads ever! Do take a look at a great article on page 4. It's by Frank Sente who writes about the APS headquarters' Administration Department. Frank is in charge of our Chapters program (and has been for some time, as you'll see!) and can be seen depicted with other APS staffers, some of whom help with Chapter activities.

Are you or your fellow club members planning to attend the APS Winter Show in Riverside, CA February 7-10? If so, we're still seeking volunteers to help staff an informational booth run by the APS Affiliates and Chapters. You'll greet show visitors and help answer their questions. Even if you can help out for an hour, it would be appreciated! Just email Jim McDevitt at cwouscg@aol.com and let him know when you are available.

The Winter edition of the CAC newsletter will be out soon. Editor Jane King Fohn (jkfohn@myuc.net) is requesting that articles for the Spring issue be sent to her by February 1, so send her your items as soon as possible!

The Chapter Newsletter competition winners will be highlighted in August during the APS Stampshow in Atlantic City. Make sure you take the opportunity to enter your publication! Jane is in charge of that program.

Vera Felts reports that she continues to add Chapters to the Newsletter Exchange program. Participants are mailed a packet of newsletters from other Chapters every few months. They read through them then mail them to the next Chapter on the list. It's a great way of finding out what other clubs are doing and will give you ideas for your own group. Email Vera for details at vfelts@siu.edu. tmf

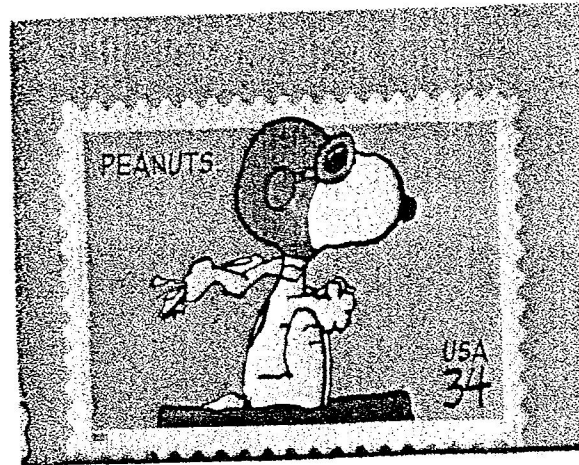
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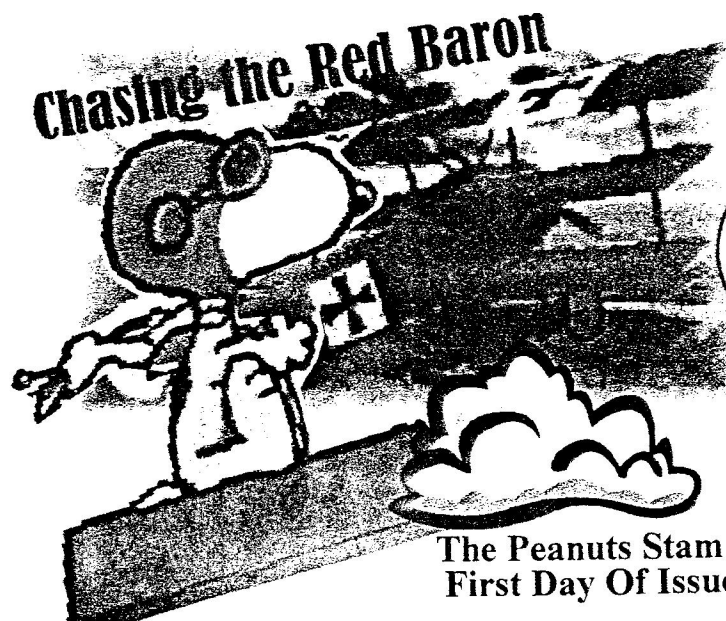
Dear John,

I went to the first day of issue for the peanuts/snoopy stamp. . The stamps went on sale at 8:30 am (a whole 2 hours before the ceremony). I arrived at 7:30am. I left early not knowing what traffic I would hit in and around Oakland. I was 20th in line to get stamps. The first person was there at 5:30am. By 8:30 there was a LONG line and by 9:00 it was REALLY LONG.

It was a good ceremony. It was held in an ice arena in Santa Rosa, Ca. Population of Santa Rosa is 150k. The ice arena seated 500 people. There was standing room only with much of that taken also. Attendance was estimated at 650. The ceremony was about 1 hour in length. There were 5 peanuts characters at the ceremony. Peggy Fleming was MC. No she did not skate. The program was the generic white blah folder. As I have recently found out this is the way ALL new programs will be. It was a typical California day weather wise. Cool in the morning and with the afternoon sun temps reached the high 80's to the low 90's. There was free ice skating which I took advantage of. It felt good after being in line in the hot sun to get cancels. There were more locals then stamp collectors at the event. Snoopy is BIG in Santa Rosa. There was a Snoopy gift shop next to the ice arena. Everything from snoopy glasses to snoopy socks.



Good Grief
Look who's on a stamp!!



The Peanuts Stamp
First Day Of Issue



LOCAL & REGIONAL CALENDAR OF STAMP SHOWS

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2002 Listings

Jan 13 Syracuse Syracuse, Stamp, Coin & Collectible Show, Holiday Inn—Carrier Circle, exit 35. Hours: 10-4. Bourse. Contact: 315-452-0593.

Jan 20 Latham Capital District Stamp Show Latham Holiday Inn Express—945 New Loudon Rd (Route 9). Hours: 10-4. Bourse. John Nunes, 518-399-8395 Email: Nunesnook@aol.com

Feb 3 Rochester R S Stamp Show Eagle's Club, 1200 Buffalo Rd (Route 33). Hours: 10-4. Bourse. Contact: Bob Steeb, 585-621-5019. Email: rsstamp@aol.com

Feb 16-17 Niagara Falls, ON NIPEX 2002 Stamford Lions Club Memorial Hall, 3486 Portage Rd., Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-5. Closed exhibition. Email: mastamps@computan.on.ca

Feb 16-17 Schenectady Capital District Cover Mania Show. Ramada Inn Conference Center, 450 Nott St., Hours: 10-6, 10-4. Bourse. Contact: John Nunes, 518-399-8395. Email: Nunesnook@aol.com

Mar 1-3 Cheektowaga BUFPEX 2002 Sponsored by the Buffalo Stamp Club, VFW Leonard Post, 2450 Walden Ave., Hours: Fri

1-8, Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. Dealers, exhibits. US Postal Service, show cancel and cacheted envelopes.

Mar 8-10 Rochester ROPEX 2002

Sponsored by the Rochester Philatelic Association, Diplomat Banquet Center, 1 Diplomat Way, Gates NY. Hours: Fri 10-6, Sat. 10-5, Sun 10-4. Dealers, exhibits, US Postal Service, show cancel and cacheted envelopes. Contact Tom Fortunato 585-621-1670, Email stampmf@frontiernet.net. Website <http://now.at/rpa/>

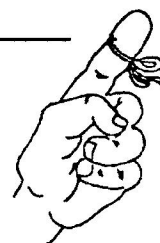
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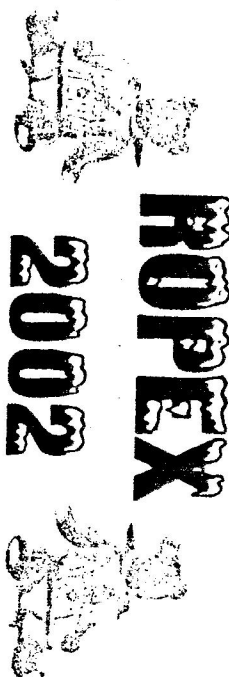
Apr 14 Syracuse Syracuse Stamp, Coin & Collectible Show, Holiday Inn—Carrier Circle, exit 35. Hours: 10-4. Bourse. Contact Ed Bailey 315-452-0593.

Apr 21 Latham Capital District Stamp Show Latham Holiday Inn Express, 945 New Loudon Rd. (Route 9). Hours: 10-4. Bourse. Contact: John Nunes, 518-399-8395. Email Nunesnook@aol.com

May 19 Latham Capital District Stamp Show Latham Holiday Inn Express, 945 New Loudon Rd. (Route 9). Hours: 10-4. Bourse. Contact: John Nunes, 518-399-8395. Email Nunesnook@aol.com

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